

WEB-BASED SECURED FORUM FOR
COLLABORATIVE INVENTIONS CREATION

ABSTRACT

5 A system and method is proposed for bringing together
potential co-inventors, developing a patent proposal,
negotiating for rights in a patent draft, and writing a
patent draft. In the system and method, a subscriber list
is created and kept in a Subscriber Database. After a
10 patent proposal is received from an initial inventor, a
pool of potential co-inventors is created by a Patent
Proposal Server, which stores a patent proposal file. A
Patent Proposal Web Server provides a forum for the initial
inventor and the pool of potential co-inventors to further
15 develop the patent proposal. Once it is determined that
the patent proposal is ready to enter the patent drafting
stage, the patent proposal becomes a patent draft file on a
Patent Draft Server and the pool of potential co-inventors
and the initial inventor negotiate for rights in the patent
20 draft by means of a Rights Negotiation Server. When the
rights in the patent draft are allotted, the pool of co-
inventors and the initial inventor co-write the patent
draft by means of a Patent Draft Web Server. A Security
System maintains appropriate levels of security for the
25 various files and communications in the system.

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